

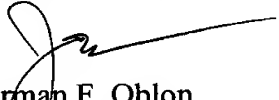
REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are active in the present application. Claim 1 has been amended to correct an obvious typographical error.

Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for examination on the merits. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

--1. (Amended) A skin cosmetic composition comprising:

[(B)] (A) a hydrogel particle comprising a non-crosslinked hydrogel containing an oil
component therein dispersed in

(B) an aqueous medium.--